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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: YASUHIRO NOSE ET AL EXAMINER: M. ZARROLI
SERIAL NO.: 10/730,596 GROUP: 2839
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FOR: CONNECTOR COMPRISING AN INSULATOR AND A CONTACT
RETAINED BY THE INSULATOR AND CONNECTED TO
CONDUCTIVE PORTION OF A BOARD, AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE

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Sir:

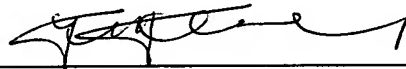
In response to the Interview Summary dated April 25, 2005, applicants are concurrently filing an RCE, rather than paying the issue fee, to traverse the Examiner's holding that JP-43263 reads on claim 1. This reference was submitted by applicants with an Information Disclosure Statement filed February 2, 2005.

Since the RCE must be filed by May 3, 2005, the final term for paying the issue fee, to prevent abandonment, the time is too short to permit the Japanese applicants and their Japanese attorneys fully to consider the reference and its relevance to claim 1. They have advised their agent that their brief

consideration of JP-43263 has led them to the conclusion that the claimed subject matter is not obvious therefrom but that they will submit additional comments fully considering the differences between the subject matter of claim 1 and the Japanese reference. Briefly, the **specifically** defined three terminal portions are not disclosed in JP-43263.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to hold examination in abeyance until a detailed response to the rejection of claim 1 is filed, which will be done as soon as possible. Claims 3-19 are allowed.

Respectfully submitted,
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